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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 10 July 1992 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and its enclosure.

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Annex

Letter dated 10 July 1992 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

IAEA has been informed that, at the request of the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, the text of a letter dated 1 July 1992 addressed to you by him has been circulated to the members of the Security Council in document S/24239 of 6 July 1992.

As a reference has been made in that letter to the relations of the Islamic Republic of Iran with IAEA under the safeguards system and to an IAEA mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran early this year headed by the Agency's Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Safeguards, I am attaching a copy of an IAEA press release dated 14 February 1992, setting out officially the nature and results of that mission. Attention is drawn particularly to the third paragraph of the release.

It would be appreciated if you could give this letter and the attached press release the same circulation as the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Hans BLIX

Enclosure

Press release

IAEA VISIT TO IRAN

At the invitation of the President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran a team of four members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) secretariat headed by Mr. Jon Jennekens, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Safeguards, visited Iran during the period 7-12 February 1992 inclusive.

The purpose of the visit was to enable the team to familiarize itself with the current status of the Iranian Nuclear Research and Development Programme and in particular to discuss with Iranian officials present and possible future technical assistance and cooperation projects, the state of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Project on which construction ceased in 1979 and the scope and objectives of research and development activities under way at the Esfahan Nuclear Technology Centre, the Tehran Nuclear Research Centre and the Karaj Agricultural and Medical Research Centre. In addition, visits were made to the site of a uranium exploration project at Saghand in Yazd Province and a facility under construction in the mountains north of Tehran near Mo'Allem Kalayeh. All of the facilities and sites selected by IAEA for inclusion in the visit were accepted by the Iranian Authorities. In arranging the necessary transportation and availability of personnel all reasonable assistance and cooperation was extended to the team by the Iranian Authorities.

The activities reviewed by the team at the above-mentioned facilities and sites were found to be consistent with the peaceful application of nuclear energy and ionizing radiation. It should be clear that the team's conclusions are limited to facilities and sites visited by it and are of relevance only to the time of the team's visit.

The Islamic Republic of Iran ratified the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on 2 February 1970. Under a safeguards agreement with the Agency which entered into force on 15 May 1974 routine safeguards inspections are carried out at the Tehran Research Reactor which is located at the Tehran Nuclear Research Centre.